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**Subject:** RE: FOIA #: EPA-HQ-2016-006816 Ramazzini - clarification please

Very good. Very clever FOIA!

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**From:** Saint, Chris  
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Lynn:

Thanks for following up. Kacee (at Lek's request) has asked me to follow up with Desmond Mayes concerning the unique nature of this request, which you have eloquently described below.

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 I have also requested clarification from the requestor on a couple of matter and may also ask for additional clarification regarding the scope and the request for fee waiver. Until all of this is sorted out I have stopped the clock of the request.

Would you like me to set up a conference call next week to discuss this with the "group"?

Thanks

Chris

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**From:** Flowers, Lynn

**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:37 PM

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Hi everyone:

I just read the FOIA. I reduced the number of folks from the original email from Chris and included Mary because of the nature of this FOIA – and I added Vince and Sam. Sorry for the long email. We may need to get on the phone with everyone that this would apply to – to strategize a bit – and make sure we identify the materials. Just searching emails for Ramazzini wouldn't capture everything.

Note that this FOIA appears to be a test of the Obama Administration's transparency and a test of the rules for when a requestor should pay.

*Also - the actual request (the two items in Chris's email) doesn't match the explanation for what they are looking for (FYI - I cut and pasted the explanatory text below and it is the subject of John's comment #4 below).*

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<http://www.gmwatc.org/news/latest-news/16803-italy-s-ramazzini-institute-to-probe-glyphosate-safety>

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Kacee, Becki Clark and I basically had the lead on working out what to do about the Ramazzini issues. But many others, Paul Anastas, Samantha Jones, Jamie Strong, Annette Gatchett and many other folks also had a big role. I'll look back at

emails and get a more complete list of people asap. I can look to see/jog my memory if there are others in the Agency that we pulled in at one point.

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Kacee and I will make sure the IOAA knows that this is happening and I'll reach out to OPP so that they are aware.

### Relevant text:

P2: This request follows up on widespread news reports<sup>2</sup> raising questions about the federal government's work on risk assessments of the agricultural chemical Glyphosate including that EPA hurriedly removed from its website the Final Report of the Cancer Assessment Review Committee on Glyphosate, a report whose conclusions run counter to the 2015 IARC Monograph 112 on Glyphosate.<sup>3</sup> A summary of the IARC study was published in *The Lancet Oncology* (Guyton, K. Z. et al. *Lancet Oncol.* [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045\(15\)70134-8](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(15)70134-8) (2015). It also follows reports that the IARC Monograph may be the product of and/or materially influenced by unalterably closed minds and/or materially conflicted parties and, in sum, have resulted from insufficiently unbiased deliberations. Requesters are interested in the relationships between EPA employees and the individuals who produced the IARC Monograph, and specifically in how those relationships might have impacted or what they show about the Monograph. This requires we obtain public records reflecting relationships existed between the parties and toward what end.

P7: Potentially responsive records will inform the public about certain EPA activities relating to interaction with foreign governmental and/or international agencies and its treatment of data relating to Glyphosate.

P.7: The widespread media interest in recent federal government actions relating to Glyphosate, as well as our information and belief about outside interests' participation in the U.S. taxpayer-funded IARC panel further demonstrates the significant public interest in this information.

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Hi Chris,

Some clarification please:

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Thanks,  
John

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Dear All:

We have received the following FOIA request.

FOIA #: EPA-HQ-2016-006816

Requester : Mr. David W. Schnare

Organization : The Free Market Environmental Law Clinic

Submitted Date : 05/19/2016

Date : 06/17/2016

Requesting:

1. Documents discussing, analyzing, commenting on, evaluating or otherwise related to the quality and/or credibility of studies, research, reports and analyses produced by the Ramazzini Institute
2. Documents addressing the analytical and toxicological methods used by the Ramazzini Institute, including whether to use Ramazzini research in U.S. EPA risk assessments – 2008 to present.

The more detailed request is attached. **Could you please provide any response records that you have in your possession by June 10, 2016.**

Thanks

Chris

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